

Remarks

Claims 1-10 remain pending in this application. Claims 11-20 have been canceled herein.

Pending claims 1-10 correspond to claims 1-4 and 6-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,487,301 ("the Zhao Patent"). The Office's August 3, 2004, communication did not mention the Zhao Patent, and instead only referred to US 2002-0122568 ("the Zhao Publication"). We respectfully refer the Office to our September 4, 2003, Notice Regarding Copied Claims, which identifies the Zhao Patent.

U.S. Patent No. 6,751,336 ("the '336 patent") matured from the Zhao Publication.

Now canceled claims 11-20 correspond to claims 1, 2, 4, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 20 of the Zhao Publication. These claims do not appear to have substantially similar counterparts in the '336 patent, and so claims 11-20 are canceled herein. But of course, we reserve the right to present these or similar claims in one or more continuing applications.

In view of this amendment and the accompanying 37 CFR 1.607 request, applicant believes that claims 1-10 are allowable and that the present application and the files of the Zhao Patent should be forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in order that an interference be declared between the present application and the Zhao patent.

Nevertheless, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any issue remains.

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